

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recoil starter capable of readily starting an engine and reducing the number of components and manufacturing costs thereof and reducing a size and weight thereof. The recoil
5 starter is so constructed that a rotational force accumulated in a cushioning and force accumulating means interposed between a rope reel and a cam is transmitted via the cam to a drive pulley, to thereby start the engine. A ratchet
mechanism is provided between the rope reel and the cam so as
10 to uncouple the cam from the rope reel when the rope reel is rotated in an engine starting direction and so as to couple the cam to the rope reel when the rope reel is rotated in a direction opposite to the engine starting direction, thus
rotating the cam and the rope reel together in said opposite
15 direction.